

RUSSIA WILL BE LIBERAL REPUBLIC UNLESS SOLDIERS AT FRONT WANT ANOTHER CZAR

Petrograd, March 17.—The rule of the Romanoffs ended, Russia began new history today as a republic.

Czar Nicholas has made formal abdication of his throne on behalf of himself and the young czarévitch. Next in line was Grand Duke Michael, to whom czar turned over the dynasty and who was named regent by provisional government itself. But the grand duke himself refused the crown.

A formal organization of the government as a republic was expected today. This may be delayed, however, pending information from people themselves as to form of government they desire, and particularly pending word from soldiers. Meanwhile order was steadily being restored throughout Petrograd. List of provinces and cities announcing adherence to new regime was increasing rapidly. Violent change from repressed autocracy to wide-open democracy was being made with ease. Provisional government leaders have impressed people with sincerity of their purpose, their energy and their patriotism to the cause of the people of Russia.

On every side in Petrograd was heard today renewed avowals of vigorous prosecution of the war against Germany.

London.—Czar Nicholas signed formal abdication of throne of Romanoffs on Thursday at Pskoff.

"We recognize it is for the country's good that we should abdicate the crown and lay down supreme power," the czar said in a lengthy official manifesto.

Berlin.—Germany is profoundly impressed by Russian revolution.

Newspapers today pointed to conference of officials in Vienna as of extreme importance in view of developments at Petrograd.

In this conference will be Emperor Carl of Austria, Imperial German

Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg, Prince Conrad Von Hohenlohe, formerly minister of finance; Count Czernin, Premier Clam-Martinitz and Count Tisza.

Petrograd.—By order of provisional government, Admiral Mepine today arrested Gov. Zein of Finland.

Deputy Rodicheff was named as minister of Finnish affairs and ordered to proceed at once to Helsingfors.

Order was completely restored in the capital today.

Through prompt and enthusiastic co-operation of railway employees the hunger of the people in famine-stricken districts throughout the land is being quickly relieved. Hundreds of carloads of provisions were rushed to these sections.

Grain stores everywhere have been requisitioned by the provisional government, fair prices being paid the owners. The distribution through a carefully organized system of these stores of food is being arranged.

Estimates today placed the number killed and injured by the police on Saturday and Sunday at 300. This was really before the actual revolt started and the casualties were in small riots over the city. After Sunday the number killed and wounded was comparatively small.

Authentic information today from interior districts indicated practically unanimous support of the new government.

Petrograd. — All army officers in Petrograd met today and unanimously resolved to recognize authority of the duma.

Amsterdam.—Unrest in Germany against militarist repression of people has been violently accelerated by success of Russian people in casting off yoke of centuries.

Even those elements of German people who favor autocratic control of Fatherland have been affected by